

I am very angry that forcing the consumer electronics industry to provide a "broadcast flag" in their equipment is even being considered.

This is a ploy by the entertainment industry to shift the cost of rooting out "piracy" to the taxpayers and to negate fair-use rights.

It will have NO effect on the real pirates, who will simply work around the restrictions in recording devices.

Copyright law correctly puts the burden of enforcement on the copyright holder, and that's where it should stay. It is my firm belief that the FCC is straying far afield from its charter when it becomes entangled in copyright issues.

Respectfully,

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